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CHANGING THE NAME OF THE RESERVOIR TO BE FORMED BY GARRISON DAM, N. DAK., KNOWN AS GARRISON RESERVOIR, TO LAKE THOMPSON

AUGUST 2 (legislative day, AUGUST 1), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MCCLELLAN, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 13]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 13) to change the name of the reservoir to be formed above Garrison Dam and known as Garrison Reservoir on Garrison Lake to Lake Thompson, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

The Garrison Dam and Reservoir was authorized by the Flood Control Act approved December 22, 1944 (Public Law 534, 78th Cong.), as a unit of the comprehensive plan of improvement of the Missouri River Basin for flood control, navigation, irrigation, power development, and other purposes. The Garrison Dam is now under construction. It derived its name from a small town near the dam site.

The residents of North Dakota desire to change the name of Garrison Reservoir to Lake Thompson, to honor Mr. Sivert W. Thompson, lawyer, rancher, present State highway commissioner, and former member of North Dakota Water Commission, who has been active for many years in water-resource problems of the area, and has worked tirelessly in the interest of a dam across the Missouri River in the vicinity of Garrison.

The committee believes that the change in designation of this reservoir is justified, and recommends enactment of this legislation in accordance with the desires of local residents.

Comments of the Department of the Army are contained in the following letter:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D. C., May 16, 1951.

Hon. DENNIS CHAVEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR CHAVEZ: Reference is made to your request for a report on Senate Joint Resolution 13, Eighty-second Congress, a bill to change the name of the reservoir to be formed above Garrison Dam and known as Garrison Reservoir or Garrison Lake to Lake Thompson.

The Department of the Army offers no objection to the enactment of the above-mentioned resolution. The purpose of the resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 13, is to designate as "Lake Thompson" the body of water to be formed by impounding of the waters of the Missouri River by the Garrison Dam in the vicinity of Garrison, N. Dak., which dam is being constructed pursuant to authority contained in the Flood Control Act of 1944. It is understood that local interests desire this designation in order to honor Sivert Thompson, member of the North Dakota Water Commission, who worked aggressively in the interest of a Missouri River dam.

Since it appears that, under Public Law 242, Eightieth Congress, the Board on Geographic Names may have an interest in this legislation, it is recommended that the views of this Board be requested.

This report has been coordinated among the departments and boards of the Department of Defense in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK PACE, Jr.,
Secretary of the Army.

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